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Agenda

MPO Policy Board Meeting
City of Morgantown Council Chambers
January 22, 2015
7:00 PM

1. Call To Order
2. Executive Session-Personnel Matters-Executive Directors Annual Review
3. Election of Officers
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Report
 - b. Citizens Advisory Committee
7. Executive Directors Report
 - a. Status of Greenbag Road Study
 - b. Status of I-79 Access Study and University Avenue Study
 - c. Status of potential construction projects this year
 - d. Monongalia County Day in Charleston
 - e. Draft 2015 Calendar
8. Draft 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program and consideration of Executive Directors salary for FY 2015-2016
9. Information on Mountain Line Route Efficiency and Vehicle Review Study
10. Other Business
11. Meeting Adjournment



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Memorandum

Date: January 16, 2015

To: Policy Board Members

From: Bill Austin, AICP

Subject: January 22, 2015 Policy Board Agenda

Please find below a short description of the items to be considered at the January 22, 2015 Policy Board Meeting to be held at the MPO Office in the Conference Room at 6:00 PM.

-Finance Report-Please find enclosed the finance reports for the months of October, November and December.

-Draft FY 2015 Calendar- Please review the enclosed calendar to determine if our meeting dates conflict with known events that may affect attendance. The Calendar has been reviewed by the TTAC and the CAC and they have respectfully recommended the adoption the calendar for the Policy Board.

-FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program and Executive Directors Salary For FY 2015-2016-Please find enclosed the draft FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program. Work included in the draft UPWP includes the completion of the I-79 Access Study and the University Avenue Complete Streets Study. MPO Staff will also be performing a pedestrian study on the arterials in Westover and Granville. This work will entail looking at the need for sidewalk as well as the proper location of transit stops. This project would be in agreement with the LRTP's recommendation that the MPO develop a Regional Sidewalk Connectivity Plan in addition to the work performed for the Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Plan.

The budget proposed in the Draft UPWP includes \$100,000 for the completion of the University Avenue Complete Streets Study, and \$125,000 for the completion of the I-

79 Access Study. The only change suggested to funding for staffing shown in the draft budget is an increase in the MPO's contribution to Staff's 457(b) accounts. It is proposed that the MPO's contribution increase from 12.5% of staff's salary to 14% of staff's salary. This change reflects an increase in contributions to the State Retirement System required of local governments, including Monongalia County, for their employees. This increase went into effect during the current fiscal year. When the MPO became an independent agency it was the Policy Board's recommendation that the MPO continue to provide the same percentage of funding to the MPO's staff's retirement accounts as it would have provided if MPO Staff were still included in the State Retirement System. This recommendation is independent of any recommendation the Policy Board may have concerning changes to MPO Staff's salaries. The TTAC and CAC have reviewed the draft UPWP and respectfully recommended approval by the Policy Board.

-Status Report Greenbag Road Study- The MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan calls for the development of a corridor plan to facilitate all modes of transportation and the use of Greenbag Road from WV 7 to Don Knotts Boulevard as an alternative route for truck traffic which currently uses WV 7. MPO staff is currently working on this study with the exception of the Greenbag Road-WV 7 intersection. WVDOH has commissioned HDR to study the Greenbag Road-WV 7 intersection. Discussions with WVDOH indicate that this study is taking a comprehensive look at WV 7 from I-68 to at least Hartman Run Road. The MPO's study of Greenbag Road will be coordinated with the results of this study.

Staff has conducted public meetings including a stakeholders meeting with representatives of the trucking industry. Staff has also performed an initial analysis of conditions on Greenbag Road. Staff prepared initial recommendations for improvements to the corridor (enclosed) from this analysis and the input received at the public meetings. These results were reviewed at a steering committee meeting held on December 4th. As a result of the Steering Committee's review staff prepared an estimate of the time savings resulting from implementing the short term improvements. That analysis is also enclosed for your information.

This information will be presented to the public at a meeting to be held from 4 until 7PM on February 4th at Boparc's Marilla Park facility. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have on these documents. It is anticipated that after additional public input and feedback from the Steering Committee the draft Corridor Study will be presented to the MPO's committee's for consideration during the March meeting cycle. **No action is required on this item at this time.**

-Information on Mountain Line Route Efficiency and Vehicle Maximization Study- Mountain Line has asked to discuss a study of Mountain Lines Operations that is to be undertaken shortly with the Policy Board. Please find enclosed a copy of the Consultants scope of work for this project. Mr. Bruffy will be discussing this item with the Board. **No action is required on this item at this time.**